

MONROE Vicariate

MONTHLY PUBLICATION FEATURING NEWS
FROM AROUND THE MONROE VICARIATE



FROM Our Vicar

FR. DAVID CYBULSKI

An Invitation

In my articles so far I have made repeated mention of the archbishop's letter, *Unleash the Gospel*. I do not wish to disappoint, so I turn to the section in which he gives propositions and action steps. The archbishop writes, "I charge pastors to create a regular time for Eucharistic Exposition and Marian Devotion for the parish community and to promote participation."

It is our belief that Jesus is truly present bodily in the Eucharist. This is the reason for our reverence and care to reserve the Blessed Sacrament which has not been consumed at Mass, in the tabernacle within our churches. Over the course of Church history, a devotion developed where the priest would take the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle and place it on the altar either in a ciborium or in a monstrance so that the faithful could look upon Jesus and adore Him. This is what is meant by Eucharistic Exposition.

In a recent meeting of the clergy of the vicariate, we discussed how worshipping our Lord regularly in this way led to our respective vocations. I remember being challenged by my pastor to spend one hour each week in prayer before our Lord. This changed my life. There are many ways to pray, but in this way, you

get into your car with purpose to make that visit. In the silence you learn to take the cares of the world and finally give them to the One who can actually change things. The Lord, Who is truly present, teaches you to pray.

This Christmas season we have been reflecting upon how our Lord wanted to be so close to us that he took on our very flesh and became man. This deep prayerful encounter is not just for clergy or religious. Jesus makes Himself present for everyone. The pastors of our vicariate want to extend our love for the Eucharist to you.

Are you looking for a New Year's resolution? Consider a weekly commitment to visiting the church each week and spending some time with Jesus. Included in this newsletter on page 3, is a list compiled of times when each church has adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Perhaps you can stop to or from work, during lunch, or at another time of your choosing. "Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament since it brings people directly into the presence of Jesus, is a powerful means of revitalizing a parish and equipping it to transform the culture" (UTG). Jesus awaits with abundant gifts. Please answer generously to His invitation; He will not disappoint.

ACT WHEN VISITING THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT

By St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Lord Jesus Christ, who, for the love you bear to mankind, do remain night and day in this Sacrament, full of pity and love, awaiting, calling, and receiving all who come to visit you; I believe that you are present in the Sacrament of the Altar; I adore you from the depths of my own nothingness; I thank you for the many graces you have given me, and especially for having given me yourself in this Sacrament; for having given me Mary your Mother as my advocate, and for having called me to visit you in this church.

*(St. Alphonsus Liguori,
1696-1787, Italian bishop and
founder of the Redemptorists,
was proclaimed a doctor of
the Church and is patron of
confessors and moralists.
Feast: August 1.)*

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DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2018 ISSUE IS MONDAY, JANUARY 22ND
Please email information to: Crysti Esper at communications@monroevicariate.com. Thank you!

St. Mary, Our Lady of the Annunciation

► Passing on the Faith

A Practical Look at Passing on the Faith to Future Generations

- The "Passing on the Faith" presentation is intended for parents of elementary, middle school or high school students. This presentation will:
- Make an honest assessment of young people and faith.
- Examine how parents can better inspire faith in future generations.
- Address practical issues such as how to talk about the faith and its tradition with your children, and how to apprentice and model our faith as parents.
- Include great resources and more!

Presentation will be from 7:15pm-8:45pm at St. Mary, Our Lady of the Annunciation in Rockwood school hall on January 10

This presentation is provided at no cost. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit. Contact Leslie Swayze, Religious Education Coordinator at ljswayze@yahoo.com

St. Mary Parish, Monroe

► Stephen Ministers

are trained lay people who provide one-to-one care to hurting people.

It is a "ministry of accompaniment" while a person is experiencing

a difficult time due to chronic illness, disability, death of a loved one, loneliness, being homebound, separated or divorced.

For more information on becoming a Stephen Minister or enrolling in the training to be held at St. Mary, Monroe, please contact John Castiglione at jpc.csg@comcast.net or 313-363-3545.



IHM Motherhouse

► Make a difference – volunteer!

The IHM Sisters are eager to welcome all who would like to share two-four hours of their time and talents per week at the Motherhouse in a caring and compassionate environment. They are looking for friendly people (16 years and older) to volunteer in a variety of ways including "friendly visitors," "wheelchair transportation," in the Library, Gift Shop and more. There are many things you can do to help! If you would like to be a part of the IHM team, please contact

Sherry Wagenknecht at 734-240-8312 or swagenknecht@ihmsisters.org.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

► St. Joseph School Annual Auction

St. Joseph Catholic School in Erie, MI will hold its annual school auction on Saturday, January 27. Located at 2238 Manhattan St. in Erie. Doors open at 5:30.

- Live and silent auction on hundreds of items donated by local businesses and artists. Also up for auction are dozens of restaurant and gift certificates.
- A 50/50 raffle, horse races, and mystery boxes add to the fun.
- Plus, a Big Game Day pack will be raffled. Loaded with everything you need for your party! Including a flat screen T.V!
- Advanced tickets are \$10 per person. They are available at St. Joseph's school and the church office located in the rectory. Admission includes dinner and dessert.
- Tickets sold at the door will be \$15.
- Cash bar is available.

For more information call (734) 848-6985

EVANGELIZATION AND Catechesis

The Monroe Vicariate Evangelization and Catechesis Committee is sponsoring an Inner Healing Prayer Day on **Saturday, January 13, 2018, from 1pm to 3pm at St. Anne Catholic Church, 2420 N. Dixie Hwy., Monroe, MI 48162.**

Inner Healing prayer is asking God to heal the root of emotional, mental or spiritual brokenness that causes the loss of inner peace. The members of the Prayer Team have been trained in Inner Healing Prayer. Joined with your prayer, they pray with you as Intercessors. They do not give counsel but stand with you, in prayer and in His desire to heal you.

There is no cost and no appointment is necessary. Typically, the prayer takes about 5-10 minutes.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Attention Young Adults!

Join Gatekeepers (Young Adult group, ages 18-35) for:

- Thursday Night LIVE! Talk and Dinner and other events going on this summer.
- First Friday Mass at St. Joseph, Erie at 7:00pm every month!
- Confession times at St. Joseph, Erie are Tuesdays 5:15pm to 6:00pm, first Fridays after the 7:00pm
- Mass or Saturdays at 10am

Check out www.monroegatekeepers.com or their Facebook page for more information.

St. Michael the Archangel

► Retreat Info

St. Michael's Men will be attending a retreat **Jan 19-21 at St. Paul of the Cross.** This years theme "Called by name: Living faithfully in deed and in Truth" Anyone interested in attending should call **Karl Mercer 734-735-7285**, all are welcome. A great way to start the year.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

► Mass for Young People, Families, and All

Young People, Families, and the entire community are invited and encouraged to come celebrate with us weekly at the **Sunday**

7:30 PM Mass. The band 2+One leads us in music along with our Director of Music Ministry, Chris Knudsen.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



St. Charles Borromeo

► Lost a loved one? Come Join us.

People of the Monroe Vicariate who have lost a loved one are invited to attend the monthly meetings of **"A Spiritual Journey Through Grief" Support Group that meets from 6:30-8:30 pm on the third Thursday of every month at St. Anne parish in Monroe.** The meetings include time for prayer, sharing, refreshments and fellowship. Please prayerfully consider attending if you are grieving the loss of a loved one – no matter how long it's been.

► St. Charles Parish Breakfast

Please feel free to join us on the third Sunday of each month for an all-you-can-eat breakfast! **Breakfast is served from 8:30am – 12pm in the St. Charles gym.** \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 5-12. Children 4 & under are free! All are welcome!

► Adoration Chapel

"The best, the surest and most effective way of establishing everlasting PEACE on the face of the earth is through the great power of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament." – St. John Paul II

All are invited to pray and worship in the Adoration Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Parish. If you are interested in visiting during the evening or late night, please call the parish office to obtain the security code. Through this vigil of prayer, we give witness to our belief that God is truly dwelling with his people.

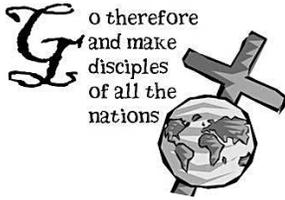
MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Evangelization & Catechesis

This section will highlight the many wonderful ministries of the Monroe Vicariate. As Jesus reminds us that he is the vine and we are the branches, and it is the branches through which nourishment enlivens the vine. Your involvement in one of these ministries will not only enrich your life, but it will also vitalize the communion of faith in the vicariate that we enjoy at our parishes.

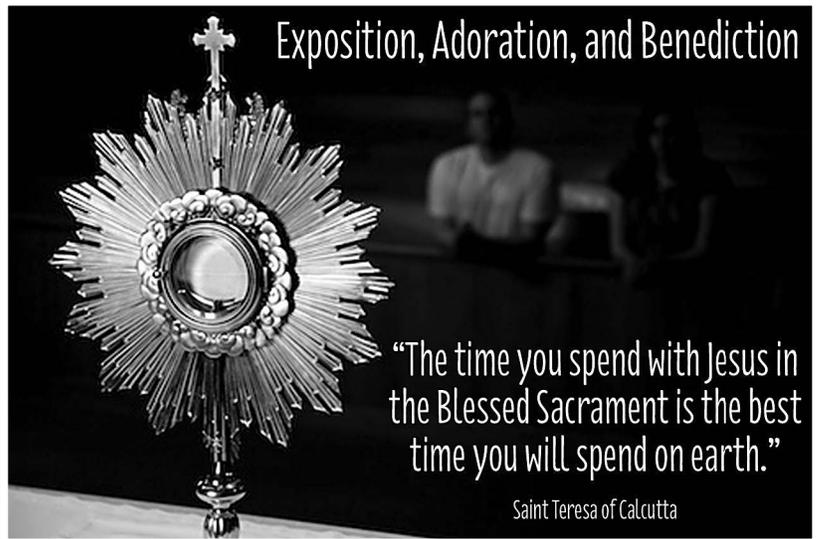
The Committee for Evangelization & Catechesis is a team that comes together to generate ideas, act as a sounding board, and develop Vicariate programs and events to help share the Good News of the Gospel with others in the faith and hope that they too may come to a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We seek to help all people encounter the love of God and learn about the Faith Jesus Christ Himself created, that they too may go out and become a light in this world.

Currently, we are in need of a few more members to join the committee as well as some friends of the committee who would like to help during special events. If you are on fire with the Holy Spirit, like to pray with others, have a good knowledge of the Catholic Faith, want to bring Jesus Christ to others, are excited just thinking about all the ways we can share our Lord and our Faith with others, and are good at being kind and joyful while working with others in an encouraging team environment, you may want to contact us about becoming a committee member. If you love God and love to help people but are not able to make an ongoing time commitment, you may want to contact us about becoming a friend of the committee. In either case, we would love to have you join us on this amazing Mission!



If interested, please contact our Committee Membership Representative Dan Gerweck via email at: dlg41056@gmail.com

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Listed below are the times for Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction throughout the Monroe Vicariate

Divine Grace

St. Patrick - Carleton

Exposition and Benediction
First Sunday after 11:00 am Mass.

St. Joseph - Maybee

Exposition and Benediction - First Sunday
after 8:00 am Mass.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Temperance

Every Wednesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Benediction @ 3:45 pm.
Every First Wednesday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Benediction @ 8:45 pm

St. Anthony - Temperance

Adoration Chapel open 24/7
Code is on the door.

St. Charles Borromeo - Newport

Adoration Chapel is open 24/7
Exposition and Benediction - First Friday
and First Saturday after Mass

St. John the Baptist - Monroe

First Friday after 8:15 am Mass
until 7:00 pm. Benediction @ 6:45 pm

St. Joseph - Erie

After Mass on Wednesday and for
24 hours on Thursday and Friday

St. Mary - Monroe

Every Tuesday during Advent
and Lent - 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Mary, Our Lady of the Annunciation - Rockwood

Every Thursday after Mass 9:30 am
until Benediction @ 6:45 pm.
First Friday after Mass 7:30 pm until
Saturday morning at 8:30 am.

St. Michael - Monroe

First Friday after Mass 9:00 am
until 7:00 pm and every Friday during
Advent 9:00 am until 7:00 pm.
Benediction at 6:45 pm.

Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary - Monroe

Chapel open for prayer.

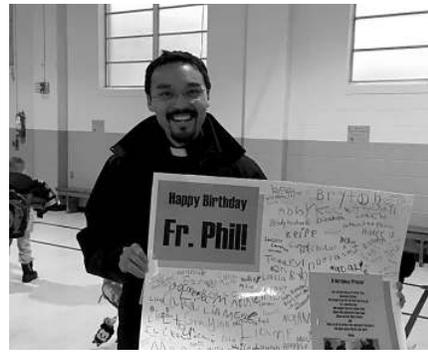


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Top "Liked" Facebook photos



Young Adult Ministry - Gatekeepers' Theology on Tap with Bishop Battersby



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Volunteers helping St. Mary School, Rockwood with their "Thanksgiving Feast."



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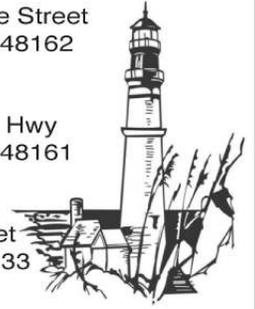
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